

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-5 (previously canceled)

6. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 18 wherein said liquid composition containing active chlorine is thickened with a soluble or water-dispersible polymer selected from homo- or co-polymers of acrylic acid or homo- or co-polymers of cross-linked acrylic acid.

7 - 8 (previously canceled)

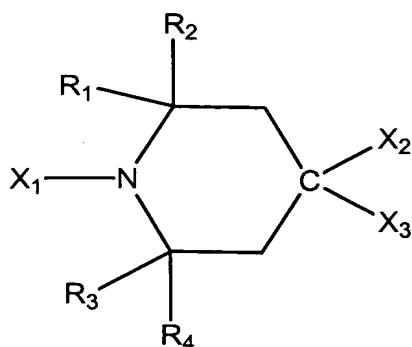
9. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 18 wherein the amount of active chlorine is between 0.5 - 10% by weight and the amount of stabiliser is between 0.005% and 3% by weight.

10 - 16 (previously canceled)

17 (previously presented) A liquid composition for domestic an industrial cleaning containing an alkali or alkaline earth hypochlorite stabilized according to the method of claim 18.

18 (currently amended) A method for stabilizing the viscosity and/or the active chlorine content of a liquid composition containing alkali or alkaline earth hypochlorites comprising the addition to said composition of 0.001 to 5% of a compound belonging to the class of hindered amines of the general formula (1)

Formula 1



wherein R₁, R₂, R₃ and R₄ represent methyl; X₁ represents an oxygen atom; X₂ represents hydrogen and X₃ represents -OH and storing said composition for a period of at least one week.

19 (new) A method as claimed in claim 18 wherein said composition is stored for a period of at least 3 weeks.

20 (new) A method as claimed in claim 18 wherein said composition is stored for a period of at least eight weeks.